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Dear President Obama,

It is my great pleasure to nominate Patrick Carolan to be recognized as a White House Champion of Change as a Faith Leader for Climate.

I have known Patrick for nearly 25 years, going back to his days when he worked as a Connecticut State Employee and Union President. Patrick's passion for social justice was evident when he crusaded for the poor and marginalized in the fight for workers' rights. He was heavily involved in bringing together the environmental and labor movements in Connecticut, believing the two issues are connected and have impacts on each other. His concern for the poor prompted his work in helping develop the Medicaid Managed Care program where he served on the Advisory Council.

His work with Franciscan Action Network (FAN) continues these passions today. His involvement with the climate movement knows no borders as it extends from his home state of Connecticut down to Washington, D.C. His message that all social justice issues are related to one another is consistent and provides a solid groundwork for the climate movement today. Patrick has said publicly, the poor and marginalized which are least responsible for the climate crisis are yet the most affected. His firm stance on this idea has not waived since I have met him.

Patrick focuses on building relationships, not just in the faith community, but also reaching out to the secular environmental community. He has been involved in working with groups including World Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club and Climate Reality in organizing a collaborative effort around the climate crisis. Patrick always looks for innovative ways to bring about change. An example of Patrick's leadership in this context is FAN's involvement in connecting the climate crisis to other issues such as immigration and money in politics. He recently authored editorials on how the flow of money is limiting the discussion on the climate crisis.

It is an honor to nominate Patrick as a Champion for Change. Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Carolan for this important distinction. He is an extraordinary individual making a real difference not only in his local community, but globally. His insight and ability to mobilize beyond the faith community will help us create achievable solutions to combat climate change.

Sincerely,

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress